(c) Modernization of employment exchanges through computerization is being pursued to improve the functioning of the working of employment exchanges.

Double entry book-keeping for maintaining its account by EPFO

1742. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation plans to switch over to double-entry book-keeping for maintaining its accounts; and

(b) if so, whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has approved such switch over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under correspondence with the office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

Vacancies of Presiding Officers in CGITs

1743. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Central Government Industrial Tribunals (CGITs) are not having Presiding Officer as on 31st October, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of cases pending in different CGIT during 2002-2005; and

(d) the steps taken/proposes to take by Government to expedite the Court proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Of the twenty-two Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts

(CGIT's), the CGIT's of Mumbai-II and Nagpur did not have Presiding Officers as on 31st October, 2005. The posts have, however, been filled up w.e.f. 21.2.2006 and 24.2.2006 respectively. As on date, all posts of Presiding Officers in CGIT's are filled.

(c)

Year	Number of cases pending
2002	11,376
2003	12,167
2004	14,680
2005	15,895 (provisional)

(d) The Government has taken following steps for expeditious disposal of industrial disputes:

(i) Five new Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts were set up at Ahmedabad, Ernakulam, Guwahati, Chandigarh and New Delhi during the Xth Five Year Plan, in addition to the seventeen existing Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts, to expedite settlement of industrial disputes.

(ii) A new scheme for adjudication of disputes through Lok Adalats has been introduced during the 10th Five Year Plan as an alternative grievance redressal mechanism.

(iii) The pendency of cases is also monitored through monthly pendency reports sent by the CGIT's.

Stagnation in PF Officers Cadres

1744. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy stagnation in the cadre of UDCs and Section Supervisor level as many personnel have not got the promotions since five years in the reserved category like SCs/STs in Provident Fund Offices in the States/U.T.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts filled during the last five years in the said categories in SCs/STs so far;